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1. IN CONNECTION WITH "INDICATIVE TARGET FIGURE"
EXERCISE DISCUSSED REFTEL AND SEVERAL PREVIOUS TELS,
MISSION ASSUMES DEPT WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP IN MIND OUR
IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS OBJECTIVES IN IAEA CONTEXT AND HOPEFULLY
AVOID ESTABLISHING INFLEXIBLE OR ARBITRARY BUDGET CEILINGS
IN FUTURE YEARS FOR IAEA IN MEETING THESE OBJECTIVES.
2. WHILE WE GENERALLY SYMPATHYIZE WITH DESIRE TO HOLD DOWN
BUDGETS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, WE ARE CONCERNED
THAT THERE MAY BE A TENDENCY AMONG SOME TO GENERALIZE
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AND INADVERTENTLY OR OTHERWISE LUMP THE IAEA IN WITH OTHER SPECIALIZED AGENCIES IN THEIR DRIVE TO HOLD DOWN UN AND SPECIALIZED AGENCY BUDGETS, OR THAT THIS COST-CUTTING DRIVE WILL IN SOME OTHER WAY SPILL OVER INTO IAEA. IF THIS IS PERMITTED TO OCCUR AT THIS PARTICULAR JUNCTURE, WE MAY WIND UP PAYING A HUGE PRICE IN TERMS OF UNDERMINING OUR NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION

OBJECTIVES IN RETURN FOR WHATEVER MONETARY SAVINGS MIGHT BE MADE IN THE SHORT TERM.

3. WHILE IAEA BUDGET CLEARLY CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO EXPAND IN AN UNRESTRAINED MANNER (IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES THIS WOULD BE EXTREMELY UNLIKELY IN ANY CASE), WE DO FORESEE A CONTINUED AND POSSIBLY A SUBSTANTIAL EXPANSION OF IAEA BUDGET OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS AS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR IAEA SAFEGUARDS IMPLEMENTATION GROWS WITH THE PACE OF EXPANDING NUCLEAR PROGRAMS AROUND THE WORLD. AS IN THE PAST, WE INTEND EACH YEAR TO SCRUTINIZE CLOSELY IAEA BUDGETS STRICTLY ON THEIR MERITS, WHILE KEEPING OVERALL U.S. INTERESTS CLEARLY IN MIND, AND, FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER INTERESTED MISSIONS, TO FORMULATE OUR RECOMMENDATIONS ON THIS BASIS. WE ASSUME WE CAN COUNT ON CONTINUED SUPORT FROM DEPT AND OTHER INTERESTED U.S. AGENCIES IN THIS PROCESS.STONE

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